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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.


- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,704,047
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0012693
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0062525
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0110878

Documents (1) to (4) were cited in a PCT International Search Report issued in the PCT application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the PCT International Search Report, which is dated September 30, 2005, is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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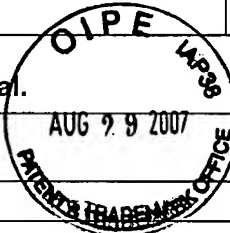
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